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SUBJECT: SAUDI OIL ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN PROCEEDING SLOWLY

Classified By: CDA Michael Gfoeller for reasons 1.4 (b) (c) and (d).

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Summary  
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11. (S) Recent conversations with the Assistant Minister of Petroleum, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Finance, and the Pakistani Embassy

MinPet Unaware of Any Progress

12. (S) In a July 30 phone call from London, Assistant Minister of Petroleum Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud was surprised to

Deal At Least a Month Away? Saudis Reluctant with Crude Prices so High

13. (S) In a July 30 meeting with Pakistan Embassy Commercial Counselor Zia Shams, Shams told us, "The deal is not finalized, it is in negotiat

14. (S) Shams indicated any encouragement the USG might offer for the proposal would go a long way to see that it was implemented in time to av

MFA Has No Knowledge of Deal

15. (S) On July 30, the Charge D'Affaires met with Ambassador Khalid Al Jindan, the third ranking diplomat at the MFA, and the Director of West  
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Ministry of Finance: Deal Still with MinPet

16. (S) Hamad Najashi from the International Relations Office at the Ministry of Finance shed some light on the process for negotiating such oi

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17. (S) Prince Abdulaziz's apparent ignorance of any recent developments on the Saudi offer to assist Pakistan suggests there has been no moven  
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